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TO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS NIACT IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, SY, LE, PINS

SUBJECT: GALLAGHER AND DYKES

REF: DAMASCUS 685, BEIRUT 1194

1. IN LIGHT OF CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED DAMASCUS 685, AGREE THAT YOU SHOULD REMIND ASAD OF OUR GREAT CONCERN OVER GALLAGHER/DYKES CASE THROUGH YOUR APPROACH TO PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE SECRETARY ON SATURDAY MORNING. THIS WILL FIT IN WELL WITH THE OTHER, TIMELY MESSAGE YOU WILL BE DELIVERING. FYI: THIS STEP DOES NOT RPT NOT PRECLUDE POSSIBLE LATER MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY PREFERABLY IN CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WOULD PERMIT ITS BEING DELIVERED PERSONALLY TO ASAD. END FYI

2. PLEASE GET ACROSS POINTS THAT: (A) LENGTHY DELAY IN RELEASE OF TWO MEN HAS PRODUCED ACUTE USG CONCERN; (B) WE HOPE ASAD CAN TAKE PERSONAL, DIRECT INTEREST IN MATTER

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AND DIRECT THAT ALL POSSIBLE EFFORTS BE MADE IMMEDIATELY

TO SECURE RELEASE OF THE TWO MEN, NOT ONLY IN CONSULTATIONS
WITH LEBANESE AUTHORITIES OR THROUGH AUSPICES OF HIGH
MILITARY COMMITTEE, BUT ALSO THROUGH ANY OTHER SUITABLE AND
AVAILABLE CHANNEL DIRECTLY TO PFLP OR PFLP-CONTROLLED GROUP
BELIEVED TO BE HOLDING THE TWO MEN. SISCO

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